



Media Information

Columbus Division of Police
CAP Bureau / Homicide Unit

Date: October 27, 2017

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Type of Offense/Incident: Homicide

Date: Oct. 23, 2017

Time: 11:46 P

Location of Offense/Incident: F/O 1541 Bay Club Circle

Zone: 3

Precinct: 10

Incident Report #: 170925857

Cruiser District: 100

Victim: Jared M. Bentley

Sex: M

Race: W

Age: 24

Victim:

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Victim:

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Suspect: Michael Lee Meredith

Address: 287 S. Terrace Ave.

43204

☐ Arrested

☒ Warrant on File

Sex: M

Race: W

Age: 18

Charges: Delinquency Murder (2903.02A)

Suspect:

Address:

☐ Arrested

☐ Warrant on File

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Charges:

Incident Summary: On October 23, 2017, at approximately 11:46 p.m., Columbus Police officers were called to the area of 1541 Bay Club Circle on the report of a shooting. Upon arrival, officers located the shooting scene, but were directed to another part of the apartment complex where the victim, later identified as Jared M. Bentley, was lying in the parking lot suffering from an apparent gunshot wound. Franklin Township Medic 193 responded to the scene and pronounced Mr. Bentley deceased at 11:54 p.m. Investigation revealed that the victim became involved in an argument when the suspect produced a handgun and fired several shots at the victim. The victim attempted to flee the area after being wounded but only made it a few hundred yards before collapsing.

*****UPDATE***** On October 26, 2017, Homicide detectives filed Delinquency Murder charges on Michael Lee Meredith for the shooting death of Jared Bentley. Mr. Meredith was 17 years old at the time of the incident. At the present time, Mr. Meredith's whereabouts are unknown and he is presumed armed and dangerous. The investigation continues.

This is the 104th Homicide in Columbus, Ohio in Calendar Year 2017. Incident #170925857.

Detective Greg Stevens is the lead detective, assisted by Detective David Dennison.

Anyone with information regarding this incident, is asked to call the Columbus Police Homicide Unit at (614) 645-4730 or Central Ohio Crime Stoppers at (614) 461-TIPS.

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